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# THE PRAIRIE VIEW STANDARD

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## Improving the Academic Climate Is Faculty Topic

The theme of the twenty-third annual Faculty Conference held on September 11-13 was the responsibility of the *whole college* for improving the academic climate.

Two important addresses key-noted the conference. One was by President E. B. Evans, who hit hard on the responsibility of every staff member for academic improvement. Dr. Horace M. Bond, dean of the School of Education, Atlanta University delivered the other major address.

Hurricane Carla caused several shifts in the planned program but the destructive winds and rain failed to daunt the enthusiasm of faculty participants and visiting speakers. The annual faculty picnic and other social activities were deleted from the 3-day program however.

Panel discussions were held which were designed at getting into the heart of the subject. What is a desirable academic climate was discussed by Dr. G. R. Ragland. "Cultural deprivation" was presented as a factor by Dr. Bond and H. D. Smith, English professor, and the responsibility of faculty members was discussed by Dr. E. M. Lewis, professor of Political Science.

The role of student personnel directors in improving academic climate was discussed by a panel  
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## Dr. Evans Awarded Service Plaque

President E. B. Evans was awarded a large bronze plaque recently in appreciation for contribution to the Agriculture Extension Service.

The award was presented by the Texas Extension Service personnel and the Texas Home Demonstration and Agricultural Councils. The occasion was the annual Farmers Conference held at Prairie View in August.

The Prairie View president served for several years as state leader in extension work for Negroes be-

## Freshman Enrollment Soars As 1961-62 School Year Begins

Over 1000 freshmen are completing registration at Prairie View A. and M. College, the largest first year class in the history of the institution.

The large group of May graduates in Texas high schools invaded the campus from September 14 through 22nd. Along with upperclassmen, they are taxing every possible facility for housing in the area. Classes got underway Friday, following a four-day registration period.

Major goals for the college's 85th year include the continuation of physical improvements and a major emphasis on scholarship. The college faculty initiated the drive for improved scholarship during the opening faculty conference. A committee on next-steps is charged with the responsibility of putting conference recommendations into action.

The new Science Building was opened for use on September 1. Classes will be held in the new

building as the job of moving and furnishing is nearing completion. Construction on the \$2 million Health and Physical Education Center will begin late this month or early in October. Plans for other needed buildings are now being considered.

The College will also observe the 100th Anniversary of the Land-Grant College movement in the United States. The Land-Grant Centennial is being observed by colleges throughout the nation. Many state and national programs, special observances, publications and other activities are scheduled during the year.

Freshmen orientation activities at the college included a traditional college welcome from officials and students, tours of the campus and social mixers and picnic. On the more serious side were placement tests, counseling and advisement and registration.

## PV Professors to Serve Visiting Scientist Program

Three Prairie View A. and M. College professors have been selected for participation in the visiting scientist program of the National Science Foundation.

They are Dr. E. E. O'Banion and Dr. C. T. Stubblefield, professors of Chemistry, and Dr. I. E. Glover, professor of Mathematics. These Prairie View professors are among several Texas scientists who have been selected to speak on scientific topics for schools, business organizations and service clubs.

## In-Service Classes For Teachers Are Scheduled

An In-Service Institute is now in progress for teachers of Science and Mathematics. The program is sponsored by a grant of \$18,570 from the National Science Foundation.

Classes are being organized for in-service teachers in several other departments, particularly in the education areas.



**FRESHMEN EVERYWHERE**—More than 1000 freshmen are shown covering the front campus on their first day at Prairie View. The group was assembled for a formal photograph following one of the several orientation sessions.





## Colonel Hamilton Addresses Over 300 August Graduates

Colonel West A. Hamilton, U.S. Army (retired) of Washington, D. C. told the 300 August graduates that "education is our first line of national defense."

The former Prairie View professor of Military Science challenged the graduates to accept the great and outstanding role which organized education must have in meeting the crucial times ahead. "We, in the education field, can hasten the day of the coming of full rights and privileges of citizenship for all of America's people," he said.

President E. B. Evans awarded degrees and certificates to the graduates, over half of which were candidates for the Master's degrees. Five ROTC graduates received commissions in the Army of the United States.

Recognition was given to students graduating with distinction. These included Sylvia Alexander, Estelle Hooks, Jewel E. Pilot Johnson and Jessie Lee Reece.

## YM-YWCA Presidents Selected For 1961-62

Alvin Watkins of Los Angeles, California is the new student president of the campus YMCA and Virginia Jackson of McGregor, Texas is YWCA president. Miss Jackson is also co-chairman of the South Texas Sectional group.

Both are seniors at the College.

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**EMPLOYEE PASSES** — Miss Bernice B. Brooks, 34, assistant to the Registrar, died Thursday, September 7 after a brief illness. Funeral services were held in Temple, Texas.

## Poultry Dep't Receives Public Health Grant

The National Institute of Health awarded the Department of Poultry Husbandry a research grant of \$46,218. The grant will be used to study the effect of age, genetic relationship, and biochemical compounds on the survival of homograft skin transplant in chicks. The information gained as a result of this study may have indirect application in human medicine regarding the treatment of severe burns, fatally damaged organs, leukemia and radiation injuries.

The grant will cover a three-year period and the study will be directed by Dr. R. W. Lewis. Professor J. J. Woods will serve as co-investigator for the research which has been in progress and supported by the Poultry Husbandry Department for the past two years. The State Experiment Station Division, Washington, D. C. has approved Hatch Act funds for the partial support of this study under the administration of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, College Station, Texas to Substation No. 18, Prairie View, Texas.

Dr. E. B. Evans, president of Prairie View A. and M. College, announced that this is the first Public Health Service grant that has been awarded to the College.

## Student Government Organization Set

William Batts Jr., of Houston, student body president, has called an organizational meeting of the Student Council, official student organization on the Prairie View campus.

## ALUMNI NEWS

SAM WILLIAMS JR. ('53) received the MD degree at Meharry Medical College in June 1961.

LT. JAMES H. SAULS ('59) was promoted on May 28 to Training Officer, Co. E. 1st Bn. 2nd TRB at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. He is the husband of Mrs. Delores DeVault Sauls, a senior student at the College.

MR. AND MRS. G. S. BOWERS of Little Rock, Arkansas visited the campus in August. Mrs. Bowers is the former Miss Hazel Tatum, an employee in the Extension Office.

L. C. COLLINS ('47) received the PH.D. degree at the State University of Iowa in August 1961.

MRS. EVELYN POWERS MILLER ('36) received the M.S. degree in Social Administration at Western Reserve University in June 1961.

MR. AND MRS. I. Q. HURDLE JR. and family of Washington, D. C. were recent visitors to the campus. Mr. Hurdle works for the Department of Army in Washington.

THE CLASS OF 1941 presented a check in the amount of \$63.00 to the Alumni Association to be used as part of matching funds with the National Defense Student Loan Fund.

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## Denver-PV Alumni

The Denver Prairie View Alumni Clubs elected new officers recently and they are as follows:

MR. L. D. PRYOR, *President*  
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**VISITORS FROM AFRICA** — Agricultural leaders from Ghana and Nigeria spent about two weeks on campus studying local ag teaching, research and extension methods. Professor Lindsey Weatherspoon (top row—right) served as technical leader. M. V. Brown (top row—center), state extension leader, assisted in the training program.



# Professional Improvement Reported By Departmental Staff Members

A total of twenty-four faculty members were reported attending school during the 1961 Summer Session. Eight instructors were on official study leaves in 1960-61 and a similar number will be away during the current academic year.

The School of Arts and Sciences listed 18 staffers who attended summer school; Agriculture, 3; Engineering, 3; Home Economics, 2; Industrial Education, 6; and Nursing Education, 1.

The department of Education reported one staff member, Carl C. Weems, completing requirements for the doctorate degree. Mrs. Vivienne Smith, Theodore Talbot, Erma D. Waddy and Ernest Williams were English staffers who studied during the summer. Misses Mamie Broussard, Willa Hood and Janet Jones and Mrs. Olivette Higgs attended summer school. Miss Hood and Miss Jones studied

in Mexico. Miss Jones received the M.A. degree in Spanish from Mexico City College.

Science staffer L. C. Collins obtained the doctorate degree at the University of Iowa. Julius Jones, C. S. Garrett and Kathryn Jordon, all music staffers studied during the summer. Miss Jordon participated in a European Educational Tour sponsored by the National Education Association through Indiana University. The tour covered all of the European countries.

Moses Boseman and Ural Wilson attended a mathematics institute at Iowa State during the summer. A. D. Stewart and Richard Price were also reported on study leaves. Clarence Batie of the Economics staff continued work toward the doctorate degree.

Dean E. M. Galloway traveled in Europe during the entire summer months. Mrs. E. Outley attended a workshop in Houston.

Dr. E. W. Owens, school of Agriculture, was invited to the University of California at Davis to be a guest scholar in the area of Plant Breeding. Engineering staffers on summer study leaves included W. H. Tinker and Paul Smith.

Six Industrial Education staffers attended summer school. They were C. T. Edwards, Marion Henry, H. P. Kemp, Andrew Matthew, Larry C. McGhee and Charles Thompson. Nursing Education instructor Amelia Clarkson attended the University of Texas.



**READING CONFERENCE**—Leaders and consultants for the annual Reading Conference held at the College in August included: Dr. C. C. Weems, Dr. J. L. Brown, Miss Dorothy Ingram, president of the Texas Principals Association, Dr. J. W. Echols, Harry W. Lewis, Washington, D. C., and Mrs. A. C. Preston.

## PV Instructor On Hunter College Staff

Mrs. Marlene Muckleroy, college staffer on study leave at Columbia University has been appointed to a special lectureship at Hunter College in New York City, Dean T. P. Dooley announced.

Mrs. Muckleroy, a resident of Prairie View, is pursuing a doctoral program at Columbia and is expected to return to her duties at Prairie View A. and M. for the second semester of the current school term.

## Research Position Open

For recent Prairie View graduate, male with B.S. in Animal Science, Biology, or Chemistry. Full-time position involving routine blood chemistry and biochemical analyses; skin transplant operations with laboratory animals. Salary open. Applicants contact Dr. R. W. Lewis, Prairie View A. and M. College.



*Participants in the Summer Science Institute*



**COACHING CLINIC**—Many of the top coaches in the state attended the annual clinic held during the summer.



**SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS**—Hundreds of scholarship students are shown in this photo which was taken following a special meeting called by Dr. J. M. Drew, chairman of the Scholarship Committee. These top students receive scholarships from—state tuition, Houston Endowment, Sears Roebuck, Kroger and many other sources.



## Panthers Held to 14-14 Deadlock By Tenn. State

An attempted field goal by John Harris in the closing minutes fell inches short of its mark at Tennessee State last week and the final score between the Panthers and Tigers remained a 21-21 deadlock.

Harris' trusty toe produced three extra points however in the seesaw battle which occurred. Tennessee scored first, but minutes later Archie Seals drove over five yards for a Panther tally. Prairie View moved in front when Charles Warner took a pitchout and raced for a TD.

The halftime score was 14-14.

Quarterback Jimmy Kearney tossed a 15-yard pass to Warner for a go-ahead score, but the Tigers came back quickly with another score to tie the game at 21-21.

Harris' field goal try came within two minutes of the final whistle.



MISS PRAIRIE VIEW—1961-62

All set for her fall leadership role, Charlotte Young will have a busy year in her role as Miss PV. She is a native of Dallas and is an English major.

## Alumni Club Organized in San Diego

The Prairie View Alumni and Ex-Students Association is happy to welcome its newest club, the San Diego Chapter of the Prairie View Alumni Club. The following persons are affiliated with this club.

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626 San Jacinta Avenue

## State Fair Classic Set For Oct. 16 In Cotton Bowl

The annual State Fair Football Classic featuring the two age-old rivals Prairie View A. & M. College and Wiley College is scheduled for Monday night, October 16 in the Cotton Bowl, Dallas.

This years' classic will be the 37th in the long history of the big grid battle in which Prairie View serves as host team. The Panthers have met Wiley's Wildcats in this State Fair Classic for 28 years. The game was initiated in 1924 with Wiley and Langston University. Prairie View entered the classic four years later and has entertained Wiley each year except the ones in which the Panthers played Tennessee State (1957) and Texas Southern (1958 and 1959).

The Panthers hold the edge in the long competition 16-8-4, but record books are usually laid aside when these two great Southwestern Conference rivals get together.

Like the game itself, the head coaches of the two opposing teams are both oldtimers in Southwestern Conference football. Wildcat mentor Fred "POP" Long has been around for many of these classics, and Panther Coach W. J. "Billy" Nicks has fielded a top ranking PV eleven for the past 16 years.

## Improving the Academic Climate

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including J. L. Boyer, E. E. Cleaver, Mrs. R. L. Bland Evans, H. E. Fuller, L. C. McMillan, Dr. E. R. Owens, R. J. Rousseve and O. J. Thomas.

The program concluded with a presentation of "Guidlines for beginning the 1961-62 school year." These were presented by O. J. Baker, E. E. Cleaver, N. C. Harden, and L. C. McMillan. John W. Hill, personnel insurance and safety director for the Texas A. & M. College System, talked about the features and benefits of system employees' insurance and retirement plans.



DISCUSSES FACULTY BENEFITS — John W. Hill, personnel insurance and safety director, lectures on System-wide benefits for faculty members.

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SEPTEMBER 1961

### News from Prairie View A. and M. College

